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New York and the Administration.

Again Ambassador Gerard is being boomed for the democratic nomination for Governor of New York. Not as yet, however, with his approval. Whether that will come is a question. He has several months in which to consider the matter.

The suggestion, it is stated, originated in administration circles. It is a sort of administration problem. In state races, as in the national race, the administration will be the issue. Has the administration succeeded? If so, democratic state tickets along with the democratic national ticket will have a strong claim upon attention.

Among the states classed as debatable, New York is the most important, and at present the most difficult, for the democracy. "Things are not looking good" for the President. Tammany does not like him, nor does Tammany. And yet they must co-operate if the republicans are to be beaten. They must effect a truce, if possible, if only for temporary purposes.

The necessity explains the Gerard boom. As the democratic candidate for governor Mr. Gerard would be expected to bring Tammany and the President together. He is a Tammany man, and an appointee of the President.

Tammany, however, is not a party to the boom. Not yet. The boomers are men in the administration's favor, and have something in the way of patronage to show for it. And they are expecting more if the President is re-elected. What will Tammany get?

Tammany is in position to drive a bargain. Without the organization's most active support the President cannot carry New York, and without New York he cannot win. He himself realizes that, and is making overtures. He offered the postmaster'ship; but that was declined. His friends are now offering the gubernatorial nomination—a much bigger thing. If that is declined, can he, and will he, go higher?

Mr. Gerard has done well at his post. Some criticism—some misrepresentation—could not be avoided. His own government, however, has endorsed his work, and he has remained, and remains, acceptable to the German government. Relations between the two governments are delicate and require skillful and experienced handling; and this state of case may continue till the end of the war. If, therefore, Mr. Gerard should prefer diplomacy to politics for at least another year, there will be much to support his judgment, and of probable benefit to the country to follow.

The Irish Punishments.

The disposition of England to deal with discrimination with the Irish insurgents is further evidenced by the commutation to life imprisonment of the death sentence of Countess Markievicz, one of the most prominent figures of the revolt. It was hardly to have been expected in any case that Great Britain would cause the execution of this woman in view of the sentiment that was aroused in England by the execution by the Germans in Brussels of Edith Cavell. Perhaps in order, however, to demonstrate that this commutation was not due to her sex alone, the death sentences of three men are simultaneously modified to life imprisonment. It would seem as though enough of the revolt leaders had been put to death to prove effectively England's determination to impress the Irish people with the extreme gravity of the offense.

People who are prevented from seeing the wonders and beauties of Europe this summer will appreciate the opportunity Washington has afforded of seeing one of the greatest ball clubs ever.

The announcement that he will run for the Senate again makes it plain that William Lorimer, the Chicago boss, is no pacifist.

Politics and Friendship.

Mr. Cannon thoroughly deserved the demonstration in his honor in the House Saturday. So long a member of that body, so conspicuously associated with the history it has made in that time, so deeply respected for his part in the manifestation of admiration and affection participated in by both sides. His eulogists were in happy vein, and he in response in characteristic form—unstudied, unconventional and altogether sincere.

Only a strong man can earn such a tribute, and only strong men are disposed to pay it. Mr. Cannon has always been a fighter, and has always obeyed the rules. Never a blow below the belt, and never a feeble one above it. Such an antagonist commands and receives the respect and good will of those who stand before him.

Our political wranglings become fierce at times, but seldom produce a lasting bitterness among the wranglers. Some of the warmest friendships and intimacies have existed between men opposed to each other politically. The cases of

Edmunds and Thurman, Beck and Allison, Randolph Tucker and Garfield, Reed and Randall, Mills and McKinley are within living memory. And there was not a republican in the House who did not admire John G. Carlisle, nor a democrat who did not admire Nelson Dingley during their services in that body.

One of the finest things recorded of the younger Pitt was his tribute to his great opponent paid during a visit to Paris. At a reception given in the English visitor's honor, a distinguished Frenchman in a tete-a-tete, forgetting himself slightly and unfamiliar with English politics, asked the question:

"Monsieur Pitt, how comes it that a man like Fox—so fond of cards and the bottle, and so well known as a gallant, should have so much influence over a people like the English, who pride themselves on their sobriety, propriety and domesticity?"

Pitt smiled, and, laying his hand on the Frenchman's shoulder, replied: "Monsieur, you have never been under the enchanter's wand."

The reply was so happy in its way and so illuminating that the Frenchman repeated it at his own expense.

When the story reached Fox in London he was dining with friends at his club. His eyes filled, his voice broke and he said: "Very fine and generous, and very like Pitt."

The Glen Springs Raid.

Some strangely sinister force appears to be working in Mexico to bring the United States to the point of an utter exhaustion of patience. Just as an agreement had been effected between this government and that of Carranza, looking to the co-operation of the troops of the two sides for the elimination of the bandit elements in the Mexican border territory, a band of brigands dashes over the boundary into a sleeping town, surprises the small guard of troops and kills three American soldiers and a little boy, captures, it is believed, several other persons, loots several stores, burns many buildings and escapes. Reports indicate that these men cried for both Villa and Carranza. It matters but little what they shouted. The loyalty of a Mexican bandit is a shifting, immaterial thing. He may be on one side or another, according as he feels at the moment, or as circumstances dictate to be prudent. It is impossible to hold the Carranza government responsible if some of these murderers, in the heat of the foray, cried for him.

Of course, there will be another pursuit, and more troops will probably be rounded up at the border for service. It may be necessary to utilize the Texas rangers or National Guard for border patrol service. While our regulars are in Mexico chasing one set of brigands whom the Mexican government is apparently unable to keep out of range of the United States, it will not do to let other bands roam to and fro over the border, doing murderous mischief wherever they may get a chance. But intervention in Mexico's affairs is not indicated as necessary by this latest outrage, however intolerable it may be. The agreement effected at El Paso remains in force, assuming that it has received Carranza's approval, which has heretofore been taken for granted. The terms of that agreement have not yet been published. Perhaps in view of the Glen Springs affair it would be well for this government, regardless of whether Carranza has formally signed it or not, to disclose the terms.

Senator Sheppard's plan to authorize the United States government to buy land wherever it desires in order to promote farming threatens to add to Uncle Sam's cares by putting him in the real estate business.

The articles supporting the President published by Maximilian Harden in Berlin should, in order to show both sides of the case, be copied by German publications in this country.

The republican party has never had much success in getting Roosevelt to agree to a process of elimination which he was not personally conducting.

Reports that the kaiser wrote the latest reply himself are easily credited in view of his well known versatility in all branches of arts and letters.

Georgia's law limiting the amount of liquor that may be shipped to one person is going to tempt a number of men to lead double lives.

The Mall-Avenue Lands.

It must be believed that if the Senate on Saturday had voted by roll call on the proposition to amend the pending good roads bill by including the Works amendment to purchase the Mall-Avenue triangle for public building purposes the proposition would have been approved, for the upper house has heretofore consistently advocated that measure of building site provision. On the viva voce vote, however, it was negated, perhaps on the ground that the measure was not germane to the bill under consideration. Heretofore the Mall-Avenue triangle purchase plan has been incorporated in the sundry civil appropriation bill, which carries public building items, and perhaps at the present session this will be done again. Meanwhile a bill is pending for a new Department of Justice building coincidental with the provision in the legislative bill for a leased new building for that badly equipped department.

There will be no satisfactory public building development in Washington as long as matters remain on this haphazard, makeshift basis. If it is desired by some members to make an economy record in the matter of total session appropriations, they can do so by continuing to pay rents for quarters for offices that are badly congested and even unsafely housed. But this is the

worst sort of economy, and viewed in the long run it makes for extravagance and waste. It has been repeatedly shown that the government is losing money heavily by adhering to the renting policy. Some time or other it will be absolutely necessary to build government-owned structures for all of the departments and bureaus now housed in private buildings, and the cost is certain to be greater than it is at present, as land values inevitably rise and the tendency in the world of labor and structural material is upward. Apparently these truths are generally recognized in Congress, as they should be. But for some reason nobody moves, perhaps partly because the administration does not want to begin a public building program while the government's finances are uncertain. But will they be any more certain a year from now, or two years? Perhaps from one point of view this is not as urgent a matter as the adequate defense of the country on land and at sea, but as a business essential it is most important and cannot be forever postponed.

Renewed Action at Verdun.

Germany continues to surprise the world with her persistence at Verdun. Just as the grand offensive, begun twelve weeks ago, seemed to be waning, to give place to a French aggressive movement, the Teuton armies made another furious onset on both sides of the river Meuse, and by the force of their advance carried their lines forward farther than in any other single attack since the first days of the campaign.

This resumption of the attack is to be accepted as an indication that Germany intends to persist at Verdun, notwithstanding the tremendous losses already incurred there, and the apparent improbability of a full penetration of the French lines. The city of Verdun itself has been described as wrecked completely. It is of no importance whatever in a military sense. Long ago the strategic value of the city ceased as the defensive works were developed in front of it and on both flanks. The real objective is the series of railroad communications back of the French lines. While there would be a certain moral satisfaction in the actual German occupation of the site of Verdun, that attainment would not be worth any material sacrifice.

It is significant that the latest German activity includes reconnaissances in the neighborhood of San Mihiel, that acute salient thrusting into the French lines southeast of Verdun. Throughout the eleven weeks of German activity at Verdun it has been continually expected that this would be the scene of an advance in the effort to close the "iron ring" which the crown prince is endeavoring to draw around the fortress. But until now there has been no serious activity at San Mihiel. The present reports indicate that the French have been alert at that point and have stopped what may be only a feeling movement in semi-force.

After so much international argument there will be relief in seeing the great conventions assembling to talk local politics.

A wonderfully interesting presidential campaign is added to the remarkable list of "See America first" inducements this summer.

So many possibilities have been mentioned that a genuine dark horse would be hard to find.

It is now time for the man steering the submarine to settle down in earnest and study the traffic regulations.

SHOOTING STARS.

BY PHILANDER JOHNSON.

No Middle Ground.

"Wouldn't you be willing to take less than the price you have put on that painting?"

"Yes," replied the artist. "But I've got to ask a whole lot for it in order to keep people from thinking it isn't worth anything at all."

Horse Sociology.

Some horses travel hard and slow, and labor more than is their share. While others are brought out for show dressed up and nourished with great care.

Economics.

"Some things cost less than they used to," said the man who tries to be cheerful.

"Yes," replied Senator Sorghum. "You get votes free of charge now, if you get them at all. But that fact doesn't appear to make political work any easier."

Bravery.

"Would you risk your life for a friend?"

"I did yesterday evening. Rather than hurt a friend's feelings, I ate what he cooked in a chafing dish."

Discovery in Efficiency.

"Charley, dear," said young Mrs. Torkins, "I'm going to read poetry after this."

"What for?"

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I heard it fum de river dat goes murmurin' on its way.

I heard it fum de breezes where de willow branches sway.

If you haven't got a house it's warm enough to go without.

De times is gettin' better. 'Tain't no room for any doubt.

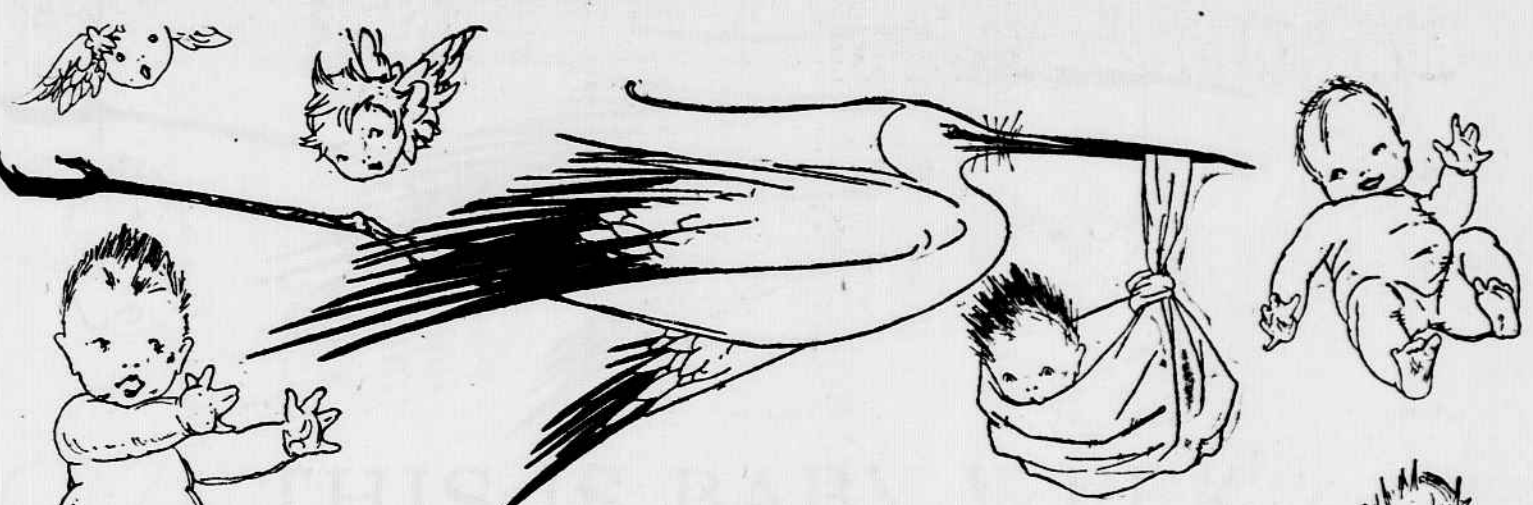
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